

PRESIDENT MOUL: LR 434 is adopted. LR 435.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LR 435 was introduced by Senator Crosby and it is found on page 2083 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam Chair and members, it's a distinct privilege this morning for me to bring to you this resolution to salute the 125 years of the Nebraska State Education Association. I have brought this resolution and you heard me many times talk about the important relationship in elementary and secondary schools between the teacher and student. The teacher, for me, is the overriding element that makes our education in Nebraska what it is. I just want to read to you the opening statement of the Constitution which was drawn October 16, 1867 in Brownville, Nebraska. It opens as, for the purpose of elevating the profession of teaching and promoting the interest of schools in Nebraska. And the original organization was the Nebraska State Teachers Association and later, of course, changed the word to education. On your desk this morning you found an article from the Lincoln Star from last week's Lincoln Star having the headline, "Six States Are Math Smart", and the story gives you the...from the New York Times tells us that students in North Dakota, Montana, Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota and Wisconsin come the closest to the rest of the industrialized world in the proficiency exams, the standardized test that they take for math. That tells us that we're doing something right in Nebraska and several of the resolutions this morning salute students who have done well nationally, students from Nebraska who have competed in national contests or who have gone on to higher education and are doing so well, so that just tells me, and I think you will agree, it tells all of us that our educational system and the teachers who are so close to our students are doing something right. So I just ask you to join with me this morning in supporting this resolution and sending a message to the Nebraska state teachers, how much we appreciate the work that they do for all of us and for our children. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Does anyone wish to speak to this resolution? Seeing none, we will now vote on the motion to adopt LR 435. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.